

23 APR 1981

## MINUTES

OF THE 6 APRIL 1981

## MEETING OF THE FINE ARTS COMMISSION

1. The meeting was called to order at 1100 hrs. in room 2D03 Headquarters. Present were:

Members:

Bruce T. Johnson, Chairman

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Consultant:

Representatives:

2. The minutes of the 9 March 1981 meeting were approved as submitted.

3. Old Business

a. Draft guidelines for use of the display screens were delivered to the Chairman [redacted]. He will review and coordinate with several members for consensus. If all are in agreement they will be published.

b. [redacted] reported on the standard format for time sensitive displays. He presented four possible models for these displays and suggested a brightly colored background to which black and white notices could be easily affixed. The Commission approved the concept and [redacted] was asked to present a final proposal at the next meeting. He will also meet with the principal generators of emergency or time sensitive messages and will draw up a draft set of procedures for the standard format.

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c. [redacted] reported on the information he had received on replacements for the display cases. He had brochures from two companies and information from a third which makes display cases to order. He reported dissatisfaction with the information, however, and said he was waiting for additional catalogs. [redacted] will make available some information from the manufacturer of the existing display cases.

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d. [redacted] presented information provided by [redacted] 25X1

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[redacted] on the lighting of the Presidential photographs.

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Discussions with GSA indicate that the lighting can be increased. [redacted] suggested individual lighting be used but several members expressed concern about the possibility that intense light might fade the photographs. It was agreed to wait and see what will happen when the overhead lighting is increased.

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e. [redacted] reported that she had no new information about directional signs in the Headquarters building. Mr. Johnson said he had talked to [redacted] about having the DDO components provide [redacted] with their requirements for room signs. 25X1  
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f. Mr. Johnson reported that his meeting with Vincent Melzac had gone well. He found Mr. Melzac enthusiastic and supportive of CIA in general and its fine arts program in particular. They had discussed the possibility of obtaining from the National Museum of American Art a display of paintings by Alma Thomas and had also discussed the possibility that Mr. Melzac, through his art world connections, might be able to obtain more traditional paintings for Agency display. They had agreed that Mr. Johnson would send Mr. Melzac a letter identifying those items in the Melzac Collection which were candidates for rotation after which Mr. Melzac would arrange for a subcommittee to look at replacement canvases.

Mr. Johnson reported that he had convened a subcommittee which had identified six paintings for rotation. A letter identifying the works has been sent to Mr. Melzac.

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g. The Chairman had hoped to introduce the new member of the FAC, [redacted], but he could not attend the meeting and will be introduced at the next meeting.

#### 4. New Business

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a. [redacted] had provided [redacted] with information on planned exhibits. 25X1

- May-June - Trekking through Nepal (same photographer as Vietnamese pictures in recent exhibit)
- July-Sept - OMS historical pictures on medical subjects.
- Oct-mid-Nov - Employee Art Display (paintings & sculptures)

The Commission endorsed these proposed exhibits.

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The subject of a craft show came up and a need for an organizer was mentioned. [redacted] volunteered and will get in touch with [redacted]. There was general interest in the possibility of a display of chess pieces, perhaps in cooperation with the Agency Chess Club, and the possibility was suggested that, should we need an additional display, we could remount a black and white photograph display which had last been displayed eight years ago.

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b. [redacted] reported on several other items:

- The sign for the wilderness trail would be 18" x 24". With one post it would cost \$300 and with two posts, \$500, plus an installation fee of \$150. The Committee approved a one post sign. The Chairman will get together with Messrs. Beck and Brophy to determine where the sign should be placed.
- Chips on trail - [redacted] contacted John Pickerol of GSA and he said they would have it done in 3 or 4 weeks. A notice & map will be published as soon as the trail is paved.
- West Parking Lot Staircase - The monies have been allocated. A study and survey is under way and should be done within two weeks.

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c. Mr. Johnson reported that a suggestion had been received on installing a paved path from southwest entrance to